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parasitism	parasitism	light	commensalism	commensalism
mutualism	termites		symbiosis	mutalism

Most animals can not get close to a shark. The remora fish lives very close to sharks. It eats bad bacteria on sharks. This close relationship is called symbiosis.

There are three types of symbiosis. They are mutualism, commensalism, and parasitism.

With parasitism, one organism gets something, while, the other is harmed. An example is a tapeworm living inside a person.

With mutualism, both organisms get something. Protozoa live inside termites. Termites chew wood. Protozoa break food down so both organisms can use it.

Lastly, with commensalism, one organism gets something, but the other gets nothing. It also is not harmed. An example is an orchid plant living in a tree. The orchid gets protection, light, and water. The tree gets nothing.